

Best Available Copy



PCT/AU2004/001110

Patent Office  
Canberra

I, LEANNE MYNOTT, MANAGER EXAMINATION SUPPORT AND SALES hereby certify that annexed is a true copy of the Provisional specification in connection with Application No. 2003904501 for a patent by GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY as filed on 21 August 2003.

REC'D 14 SEP 2004

WIPO

PCT



WITNESS my hand this  
Thirty-first day of August 2004

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "LM".

LEANNE MYNOTT  
MANAGER EXAMINATION SUPPORT  
AND SALES

**PRIORITY  
DOCUMENT**

SUBMITTED OR TRANSMITTED IN  
COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 17.1(a) OR (b)

AUSTRALIA  
Patents Act 1990

PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION

**Applicant:**

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

**Invention Title:**

NOVEL COMPOUNDS III

The invention is described in the following statement:

- 2 -

NOVEL COMPOUNDS IIITechnical Field

The present invention relates to novel  
5 sulfenamides and their derivatives that have physiological  
activity, particularly an antimicrobial action, methods  
for their synthesis, pharmaceutical compositions  
containing them and method of treatment of patients, in  
particular, suffering microbial infection.

10

Background Art

Many bacterial diseases once thought to be on the  
decline are beginning to re-emerge and annually devastate  
populations in many countries. This problem is amplified  
15 by the emergence of many new drug resistant strains of the  
microorganisms that cause these diseases. Our interest in  
the development of carbohydrate-based antimicrobial agents  
(see, for example, von Itzstein, Wu, et al., 1993; Kok,  
Campbell, Mackey, & von Itzstein, 1996; Fazli, Bradley et  
20 al., 2001) and in glycofuranose chemistry (Owen & von  
Itzstein, 2000) has led to the discovery of a new class of  
antimicrobial agents described below. Although  
significant chemistry and biology has been published (see,  
for example, Marino, Marino, Milette, Alves, Colli, & de  
25 Lederkremer, 1998; Milette, Marino, Marino, de  
Lederkremer, Colli & Alves, 1999; Zhang & Liu, 2001;  
Brimacombe, Gent & Stacey, 1968; Brimacombe, Da'aboul &  
Tucker, 1971; Lemieux & Stick, 1975; de Lederkremer,  
Cirelli & Sznaidman, 1986; Shin & Perlin, 1979; de  
30 Lederkremer, Cicero & Varela, 1990; de Lederkremer, Marino  
& Marino, 2002; Pathak, Pathak, Suling, Gurcha, Morehouse,  
Besra, Maddy & Reynolds, 2002; Ernst, Hart & Sinay, 2000)  
in the area of glycofuranose chemistry and biology NONE to  
date provides compounds that have significant  
35 antimicrobial activity. Carbohydrate mimics based on  
isosteres of the ring structure are well known in the  
literature and often present interesting biological  
activities (see, for example, Chapleur, 1998; Lillelund,

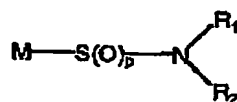
- 3 -

Jensen, Liang, & Bols, 2002; Kok, Campbell, Mackey, & von Itzstein, 1996).

### Disclosure of the Invention

5           The present invention is concerned generally with novel sulfenamides and their derivatives that have physiologic activity, in particular, an antimicrobial action.

10           In a first aspect of the present invention there is provided a compound of general formula (I):



15           wherein  $\text{R}_1$  and  $\text{R}_2$  are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl which may be interrupted by one or more heteroatoms or functional groups selected from the group consisting of O, S,  $-\text{N}=\text{}$ ,  $\text{NR}_{12}$  and  $-(\text{Y})_m\text{C}=(\text{Z})(\text{T})_n-$ , optionally substituted alkenyl which may be interrupted by one or more  
20           heteroatoms or functional groups selected from the group consisting of O, S,  $-\text{N}=\text{}$ ,  $\text{NR}_{12}$  and  $-(\text{Y})_m\text{C}=(\text{Z})(\text{T})_n-$ , optionally substituted aralkyl which may be interrupted within the alkyl moiety by one or more heteroatoms or functional groups selected from the group consisting of O,  
25           S,  $-\text{N}=\text{}$ ,  $\text{NR}_{12}$  and  $-(\text{Y})_m\text{C}=(\text{Z})(\text{T})_n-$ , optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted acyl and a carbohydrate moiety;

          or  $\text{R}_1$  and  $\text{R}_2$  together with the nitrogen atom from which they depend form a saturated or unsaturated,  
30           optionally substituted heterocyclic group which may include additional heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, N and S, or  $\text{R}_1$  and  $\text{R}_2$  together with the nitrogen atom from which they depend form an optionally substituted lactam or cyclic imide moiety;

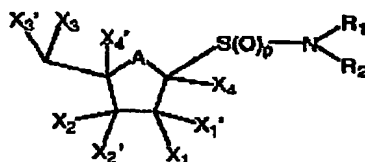
35           p is zero, one or two; and  
          M is a carbohydrate moiety;

- 4 -

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Typically the compound has the following general Formula (II):

5



wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl which may be interrupted by one or more heteroatoms or functional groups selected from the group consisting of O, S,  $-N=$ ,  $NR_6$  and  $-(Y)_mC=(Z)(T)_n-$ , optionally substituted alkenyl which may be interrupted by one or more heteroatoms or functional groups selected from the group consisting of O, S,  $-N=$ ,  $NR_6$  and  $-(Y)_mC=(Z)(T)_n-$ , optionally substituted aralkyl which may be interrupted within the alkyl moiety by one or more heteroatoms or functional groups selected from the group consisting of O, S,  $-N=$ ,  $NR_6$  and  $-(Y)_mC=(Z)(T)_n-$ , optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted acyl and a carbohydrate moiety;

or  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  together with the nitrogen atom from which they depend form a saturated or unsaturated, optionally substituted heterocyclic group which may include additional heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, N and S, or  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  together with the nitrogen atom from which they depend form an optionally substituted lactam or cyclic imide moiety;

A is selected from the group consisting of O, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, Se, Te, NR<sub>7</sub>, CR<sub>8</sub>R', and C(O);

X<sub>1</sub> is selected from the group consisting of OR<sub>3</sub>, SR<sub>3</sub>, NR<sub>3</sub>R', hydrogen, halogen,  $-(Y)_mC=(Z)(T)_nR_3$ ,  $-N(C=(Z)(T)_nR_3)_2$ , N<sub>3</sub>, CN, OCN, SCN, OSO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>3</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>3</sub>, OPO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>3</sub>R', OPO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>3</sub>R', S(O)R<sub>3</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sub>3</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>OR<sub>3</sub>, PO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>3</sub>R', NR<sub>3</sub>NR', NR<sub>3</sub>R',

- 5 -

$SNR_3R'_3$ ,  $NR_3SR'_3$ ,  $SSR_3$  and  $R_3$ , or is an oxo group,  $=S$ ,  $=NOR_3$  or  $=CR_3R'_3$  and  $X_1'$  is absent, or  $X_1$  is  $C(=Z)$  and  $R_2$  is a bond thereto so as to form a cyclic moiety  $-C(=Z)NR_1S(O)_p-$ ;

$X_2$  is selected from the group consisting of  $OR_4$ ,

- 5  $SR_4$ ,  $NR_4R'_4$ , hydrogen, halogen,  $-(Y)_nC(=Z)(T)_nR_4$ ,  $-N(C(=Z)(T)_nR_4)_2$ ,  $N_3$ ,  $CN$ ,  $OCN$ ,  $SCN$ ,  $OSO_2R_4$ ,  $OSO_2R'_4$ ,  $OPO_2R_4R'_4$ ,  $OPO_2R'_4R'_4$ ,  $S(O)R_4$ ,  $S(O)_2R_4$ ,  $S(O)_2OR_4$ ,  $PO_3R_4R'_4$ ,  $NR_4NR'_4R'_4$ ,  $SNR_4R'_4$ ,  $NR_4SR'_4$ ,  $SSR_4$  and  $R_4$ , or is an oxo group,  $=S$ ,  $=NOR_4$  or  $=CR_4R_4$  and  $X_2'$  is absent;

- 10  $X_3$  and  $X'_3$  are independently selected from the group consisting of  $OR_5$ ,  $SR_5$ ,  $NR_5R'_5$ , hydrogen, halogen,  $-(Y)C(=Z)(T)_nR_5$ ,  $-N(C(=Z)(T)_nR_5)_2$ ,  $N_3$ ,  $CN$ ,  $OCN$ ,  $SCN$ ,  $OSO_2R_5$ ,  $OSO_2R'_5$ ,  $OPO_2R_5R'_5$ ,  $OPO_2R'_5R'_5$ ,  $S(O)R_5$ ,  $S(O)_2R_5$ ,  $S(O)_2OR_5$ ,  $PO_3R_5R'_5$ ,  $NR_5NR'_5R'_5$ ,  $SNR_5R'_5$ ,  $NR_5SR'_5$ , and  $SSR_5$ , or is an oxo group,  $=S$ , or  $=NOR_5$  and  $X_3'$  is absent;

- 15 or one of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ ,  $X_2$  and  $X_4'$ ,  $X_4'$  and  $A$  when  $A$  contains a carbon or nitrogen atom,  $X_4$  and  $A$  when  $A$  contains a carbon or nitrogen atom and  $X_4$  and  $X_1$  together constitute a double bond, or  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ ,  $X_2$  and  $X_3$ ,  $X_1$  and  $X_1'$ ,  $X_2$  and  $X_2'$  or  $X_3$  and  $X_3'$  together form a ring;

$m$  and  $n$  are independently zero or one and  $Y$ ,  $Z$  and  $T$  are independently selected from the group consisting of  $O$ ,  $S$ , and  $NR$ ,

$p$  is zero, one or two;

- 25  $X_4$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,  $CN$ ,  $-C(=Z)(T)_nR_{10}$ ,  $S(O)R_{10}$ ,  $S(O)_2R_{10}$ ,  $S(O)_2OR_{10}$ ,  $PO_3R_{10}R'_{10}$ , optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkaryl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, and optionally substituted acyl;

- 30  $X_1'$ ,  $X_2'$ , and  $X_4'$  are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,  $CN$ , optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkaryl, optionally substituted aryl, and optionally substituted aralkyl;

35  $R_3$ ,  $R'_3$ ,  $R''_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R'_4$ ,  $R''_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R'_5$ ,  $R''_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$ ,  $R_8$ ,  $R'_8$ ,  $R_9$ , and  $R_{10}$  are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally

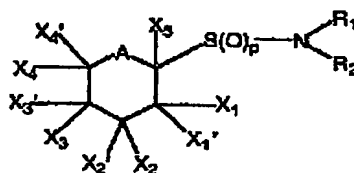
- 6 -

substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl,  
optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted  
aralkyl, optionally substituted acyl and a carbohydrate  
moiety;

- 5                   with the proviso that at least two of  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  and  
 $X_3$  are other than hydrogen or a group linked to the ring  
through a carbon-carbon bond;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 10                   Alternatively, the compound has the following  
general formula (III):



- 15                   wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are independently selected from  
the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted  
alkyl which may be interrupted by one or more heteroatoms  
or functional groups selected from the group consisting of  
O, S, -N=,  $NR_7$  and  $-(Y)_nC=(Z)(T)_n-$ , optionally substituted  
20                   alkenyl which may be interrupted by one or more  
heteroatoms or functional groups selected from the group  
consisting of O, S, -N=,  $NR_7$  and  $-(Y)_nC=(Z)(T)_n-$ ,  
optionally substituted aralkyl which may be interrupted  
within the alkyl moiety by one or more heteroatoms or  
functional groups selected from the group consisting of O,  
25                   S, -N=,  $NR_7$  and  $-(Y)_nC=(Z)(T)_n-$ , optionally substituted  
aryl, optionally substituted acyl and a carbohydrate  
moiety;

- or  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  together with the nitrogen atom from  
which they depend form a saturated or unsaturated,  
30                   optionally substituted heterocyclic group which may  
include additional heteroatoms selected from the group  
consisting of O, N and S, or  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  together with the  
nitrogen atom from which they depend form an optionally  
substituted lactam or cyclic imide moiety;

- 7 -

A is selected from the group consisting of O, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, Se, Te, NR<sub>6</sub>, CR<sub>3</sub>R', and C(O);

X<sub>1</sub> is selected from the group consisting of OR<sub>3</sub>, SR<sub>3</sub>, NR<sub>3</sub>R', hydrogen, halogen, -(Y)<sub>n</sub>C=(Z)(T)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>3</sub>, -  
 5 N(C=(Z)(T)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>3</sub>, -C=(Z)NR<sub>1</sub>S(O)<sub>p</sub>-, CN, OCN, SCN, OSO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>3</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>3</sub>, OPO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>3</sub>R', OPO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>3</sub>R', S(O)R<sub>3</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sub>3</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>OR<sub>3</sub>, PO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>3</sub>R', NR<sub>3</sub>NR'<sub>3</sub>R'', SNR<sub>3</sub>R', NR<sub>3</sub>SR', SSR<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>3</sub>, or is an oxo group, =S, =NOR<sub>3</sub> or =CR<sub>3</sub>R', and X<sub>1</sub>' is absent, or X<sub>1</sub> is C(=Z) and R<sub>2</sub> is a bond thereto so as to form a cyclic  
 10 moiety -C=(Z)NR<sub>1</sub>S(O)<sub>p</sub>-;

X<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of OR<sub>4</sub>, SR<sub>4</sub>, NR<sub>4</sub>R', hydrogen, halogen, -(Y)<sub>n</sub>C=(Z)(T)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>4</sub>, -  
 N(C=(Z)(T)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>3</sub>, CN, OCN, SCN, OSO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>4</sub>, OPO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub>R', OPO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>4</sub>R', S(O)R<sub>4</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sub>4</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>OR<sub>4</sub>, PO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub>R', NR<sub>4</sub>NR'<sub>4</sub>R'',  
 15 SNR<sub>4</sub>R', NR<sub>4</sub>SR', SSR<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>4</sub>, or is an oxo group, =S, =NOR<sub>4</sub> or =CR<sub>4</sub>R' and X<sub>2</sub>' is absent;

X<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of OR<sub>5</sub>, SR<sub>5</sub>, NR<sub>5</sub>R', hydrogen, halogen, -(Y)<sub>n</sub>C=(Z)(T)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>5</sub>, -  
 N(C=(Z)(T)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>3</sub>, CN, OCN, SCN, OSO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>5</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>5</sub>, OPO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>5</sub>R', OPO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>5</sub>R', S(O)R<sub>5</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sub>5</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>OR<sub>5</sub>, PO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>5</sub>R', NR<sub>5</sub>NR'<sub>5</sub>R'',  
 20 SNR<sub>5</sub>R', NR<sub>5</sub>SR', SSR<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>5</sub>, or is an oxo group, =S, =NOR<sub>5</sub> or =CR<sub>5</sub>R' and X<sub>3</sub>' is absent;

X<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of OR<sub>6</sub>, SR<sub>6</sub>, NR<sub>6</sub>R', hydrogen, halogen, -(Y)<sub>n</sub>C=(Z)(T)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>6</sub>, -  
 25 N(C=(Z)(T)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>3</sub>, CN, OCN, SCN, OSO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>6</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>6</sub>, OPO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>6</sub>R', OPO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>6</sub>R', S(O)R<sub>6</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sub>6</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>OR<sub>6</sub>, PO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>6</sub>R', NR<sub>6</sub>NR'<sub>6</sub>R'', SNR<sub>6</sub>R', NR<sub>6</sub>SR', SSR<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>6</sub>, or is an oxo group, =S, =NOR<sub>6</sub> or =CR<sub>6</sub>R' and X<sub>4</sub>' is absent;

or one of X<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>2</sub>, X<sub>2</sub> and X<sub>3</sub>, X<sub>3</sub> and X<sub>4</sub>, X<sub>4</sub> and A  
 30 when A contains a carbon or nitrogen atom, X<sub>5</sub> and A when A contains a carbon or nitrogen atom, and X<sub>3</sub> and X<sub>1</sub> together constitute a double bond, or X<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>3</sub>, X<sub>3</sub> and X<sub>5</sub>, X<sub>2</sub> and X<sub>4</sub>, X<sub>3</sub> and X<sub>4</sub>, X<sub>1</sub> and X<sub>1</sub>', X<sub>2</sub> and X<sub>2</sub>', X<sub>3</sub> and X<sub>3</sub>' or X<sub>4</sub> and X<sub>4</sub>' together form a ring;

35 m and n are independently zero or one and Y, Z and T are independently selected from the group consisting of O, S, and NR<sub>10</sub>

p is zero, one or two;



- 8 -

$X_5$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, CN,  $-C(=Z)(T)_2R_{11}$ ,  $S(O)R_{11}$ ,  $S(O)_2R_{11}$ ,  $S(O)_2OR_{11}$ ,  $PO_3R_{11}R'_{11}$ , optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkaryl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, and optionally substituted acyl;

$X_1'$ ,  $X_2'$ ,  $X_3'$ ,  $X_4'$  and  $X_5$  are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, CN, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkaryl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, and optionally substituted acyl;

$R_3$ ,  $R'_3$ ,  $R''_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R'_4$ ,  $R''_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R'_5$ ,  $R''_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R'_6$ ,  $R''_6$ ,  $R_7$ ,  $R_8$ ,  $R_9$ ,  $R'_9$ ,  $R_{10}$ , and  $R_{11}$  are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, optionally substituted acyl and a carbohydrate moiety;

with the proviso that at least two of  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are other than hydrogen or a group linked to the ring through a carbon-carbon bond;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

It will be appreciated that the manner of representing substituents in the foregoing general formulae does not imply any particular stereochemistry or orientation for the substituents.

The term "alkyl" used either alone or in a compound word such as "optionally substituted alkyl" or "optionally substituted cycloalkyl" denotes straight chain, branched or mono- or poly- cyclic alkyl. Examples of straight chain and branched C alkyl include methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, amyl, isoamyl, sec-amyl, 1,2-dimethylpropyl, 1,1-dimethylpropyl, hexyl, 4-methylpentyl, 1-methylpentyl, 2-methylpentyl, 3-methylpentyl, 1,1-dimethylbutyl, 2,2-

- 9 -

- dimethylbutyl, 3,3-dimethylbutyl, 1,2-dimethylbutyl, 1,3-dimethylbutyl, 1,2,2-trimethylpropyl, 1,1,2-trimethylpropyl, heptyl, 5-methylhexyl, 1-methylhexyl, 2,2-dimethylpentyl, 3,3-dimethylpentyl, 4,4-dimethylpentyl, 1,2-dimethylpentyl, 1,3-dimethylpentyl, 1,4-dimethylpentyl, 1,2,3-trimethylbutyl, 1,1,2-trimethylbutyl, nonyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6- or 7-methyloctyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4- or 5-ethylheptyl, 1-2- or 3-propylhexyl, decyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7- and 8-methylnonyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5- or 6-ethyloctyl, 1-, 2-, 3- or 4-propylheptyl, undecyl 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, 8- or 9-methyldecyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6- or 7-ethylnonyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4- or 5-propyloctyl, 1-, 2- or 3-butylheptyl, 1-pentylhexyl, dodecyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9- or 10-methylundecyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7- or 8-ethyldecyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5- or 6-propylnonyl, 1-, 2-, 3- or 4-butyloctyl, 1-2-pentylheptyl and the like. Examples of cycloalkyl include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl, cyclononyl and cyclodecyl and the like.

- The term "alkenyl" used either alone or in compound words such as "alkenyloxy" denotes groups formed from straight chain, branched or cyclic alkenes including ethylenically mono-, di- or poly-unsaturated alkyl or cycloalkyl groups as defined above. Examples of C<sub>4-30</sub> alkenyl include butenyl, iso-butenyl, 3-methyl-2-butenyl, 1-pentenyl, cyclopentenyl, 1-methyl-cyclopentenyl, 1-hexenyl, 3-hexenyl, cyclohexenyl, 1-heptenyl, 3-heptenyl, 1-octenyl, cyclooctenyl, 1-nonenyl, 2-nonenyl, 3-nonenyl, 1-decenyl, 3-decenyl, 1,3-butadienyl, 1,4-pentadienyl, 1,3-cyclopentadienyl, 1,3-hexadienyl, 1,4-hexadienyl, 1,3-cyclohexadienyl, 1,4-cyclohexadienyl, 1,3-cycloheptadienyl, 1,3,5-cycloheptatrienyl and 1,3,5,7-cyclooctatetraenyl.

- The term "acyl" used either alone or in compound

- 10 -

words such as "optionally substituted acyl" or "optionally substituted acyloxy" denotes an aliphatic acyl group or an acyl group containing an aromatic ring, which is referred to as aromatic acyl, or a heterocyclic ring, which is referred to as heterocyclic acyl, preferably C<sub>1-30</sub> acyl. Examples of acyl include straight chain or branched alkanoyl such as formyl, acetyl, propanoyl, butanoyl, 2-methylpropanoyl, pentanoyl, 2,2-dimethylpropanoyl, hexanoyl, heptanoyl, octanoyl, nonanoyl, decanoyl, undecanoyl, dodecanoyl, tridecanoyl, pentadecanoyl, hexadecanoyl, heptadecanoyl, octadecanoyl, nonadecanoyl and icosanoyl; cycloalkylcarbonyl such as cyclopropylcarbonyl cyclobutylcarbonyl, cyclopentylcarbonyl and cyclohexylcarbonyl; aroyl such as benzoyl, toluoyl and naphthoyl; aralkanoyl such as phenylalkanoyl (e.g. phenylacetyl, phenylpropanoyl, phenylbutanoyl, phenylisobutyl, phenylpentanoyl and phenylhexanoyl) and naphthylalkanoyl (e.g. naphthylacetyl, naphthylpropanoyl and naphthylbutanoyl); aralkenoyl such as phenylalkenoyl (e.g. phenylpropenoyl, phenylbutenoyl, phenylmethacrylyl, phenylpentenoyl and phenylhexanoyl) and naphthylalkenoyl (e.g. naphthylpropenoyl, naphthylbutenoyl and naphthylpentenoyl); heterocycliccarbonyl; heterocyclicalkanoyl such as thienylacetyl, thienylpropanoyl, thienylbutanoyl, thienylpentanoyl, thienylhexanoyl, thiazolylacetyl, thiadiazolylacetyl and tetrazolylacetyl; and heterocyclicalkenoyl such as heterocyclicpropenoyl, heterocyclicbutenoyl, heterocyclicpentenoyl and heterocyclichexenoyl.

The term "aryl" used either alone or in compound words such as "optionally substituted aryl", "optionally substituted aryloxy" or "optionally substituted heteroaryl" denotes single, polynuclear, conjugated and fused residues of aromatic hydrocarbons or aromatic heterocyclic ring systems. Examples of aryl include phenyl, biphenyl, terphenyl, quaterphenyl, phenoxyphenyl, naphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, anthracenyl, dihydroanthracenyl, benzanthracenyl, dibenzanthracenyl,

- 11 -

phenanthrenyl, fluorenyl, pyrenyl, indenyl, azulenyl, chrysenyl, pyridyl, 4-phenylpyridyl, 3-phenylpyridyl, thienyl, furyl, pyrrol, pyrrolyl, furanyl, imadazolyl, pyrrolydiny, pyridiny, piperidiny, indolyl, 5 pyridazinyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazinyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, purinyl, quinazolinyl, phenazinyl, acridinyl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl and the like. Preferably, a carbocyclic aromatic ring system contains 6-10 carbon 10 atoms and an aromatic heterocyclic ring system contains 1 to 4 heteratoms independently selected from N, O and S and up to 9 carbon atoms in the ring.

The term "heterocyclyl" or equivalent terms such as "heterocyclic" used either alone or in compound words 15 such as "optionally substituted saturated or unsaturated heterocyclyl" denotes monocyclic or polycyclic heterocyclyl groups containing at least one heteroatom atom selected from nitrogen, sulphur and oxygen. Suitable heterocyclyl groups include N-containing heterocyclic 20 groups, such as, unsaturated 3 to 6 membered heteromonocyclic groups containing 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, for example, pyrrolyl, pyrrolinyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, triazolyl or tetrazolyl;

25 saturated 3 to 6-membered heteromonocyclic groups containing 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, such as, pyrrolidinyl, imidazolidinyl, piperidino or piperazinyl;

unsaturated condensed heterocyclic groups containing 1 to 5 nitrogen atoms, such as indolyl, 30 isoindolyl, indoliziny, benzimidazolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, indazolyl, benzotriazolyl or tetrazolopyridazinyl;

unsaturated 3 to 6-membered heteromonocyclic group containing an oxygen atom, such as, pyranyl or 35 furyl;

unsaturated 3 to 6-membered heteromonocyclic group containing 1 to 2 sulfur atoms, such as, thienyl, unsaturated 3 to 6-membered heteromonocyclic

- 12 -

group containing 1 to 2 oxygen atoms and 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms, such as, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl or oxadiazolyl;

5 saturated 3 to 6-membered heteromonocyclic group containing 1 to 2 oxygen atoms and 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms, such as, morpholinyl;

unsaturated condensed heterocyclic group containing 1 to 2 oxygen atoms and 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms, such as, benzoxazolyl or benzoxadiazolyl;

10 unsaturated 3 to 6-membered heteromonocyclic group containing 1 to 2 sulphur atoms and 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms, such as, thiazolyl or thiadiazolyl;

saturated 3 to 6-membered heteromonocyclic group containing 1 to 2 sulphur atoms and 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms, such as, thiazolidinyl; and

15 unsaturated condensed heterocyclic group containing 1 to 2 sulphur atoms and 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms, such as, benzothiazolyl or benzothiadiazolyl.

The term "carbohydrate" denotes a carbohydrate residue or a functionalised or deoxygenated carbohydrate residue, and includes monosaccharides and  
20 oligosaccharides. A carbohydrate residue is an acyclic polyhydroxy-aldehyde or ketone, or one of their cyclic tautomers, and includes a compound resulting from reduction of the aldehyde or keto group such as alditols.  
25 Oxygen atoms may be replaced by hydrogen or bonds to a halogen, nitrogen, sulfur or carbon atoms, or carbon-oxygen bonds such as in ethers or esters may be introduced. Examples of carbohydrates include but are not limited to D-galactofuranose, N-acetyl-D-galactofuranose,  
30 D-glucofuranose, N-acetyl-D-glucofuranose, D-mannofuranose, D-galactopyranose, N-acetyl-D-galactopyranose, D-glucopyranose and N-acetyl-D-glucopyranose, D-mannopyranose, N-acetyl-D-mannopyranose, D-arabinofuranose, D-arabinopyranose, L-rhamnopyranose, D-ribose, D-fucose, N-  
35 acylneuraminic acid, 2-keto-3-deoxy-nonulosonic acid, 2-keto-3-deoxy-octulosonic acid, D-galacturonic acid, D-glucuronic acid, D-muramic acid, D-fructose, D-galactose, D-glucose, D-mannose, D-galactitol, D-glucitol, D-mannitol,

- 13 -

D-lactitol, and their equivalents where oxygen atoms have been replaced in selected positions with hydrogen or bonds to halogen, nitrogen, sulfur or carbon, as well as oligosaccharides containing these moieties.

5 In this specification "optionally substituted" means that a group may or may not be further substituted with one or more groups selected from alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, halo, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl, haloalkynyl, haloaryl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkenyloxy, aryloxy, benzyloxy, 10 haloalkoxy, haloalkenyloxy, haloaryloxy, nitro, nitroalkyl, nitroalkenyl, nitroalkynyl, nitroaryl, nitroheterocyclyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkenylamino, alkynylamino, arylamino, diarylamino, benzylamino, dibenzylamino, acyl, alkenylacyl, 15 alkynylacyl, arylacyl, acylamino, diacylamino, acyloxy, alkylsulphonyloxy, arylsulphenyloxy, heterocyclyl, heterocycloxy, heterocyclamino, haloheterocyclyl, alkylsulphenyl, arylsulphenyl, carboalkoxy, carboaryloxy, mercapto, alkylthio, benzylthio, acylthio, phosphorus- 20 containing groups and the like, provided that none of the substituents outlined above interferes with the formation of the subject compound.

Any of the moieties whose length is defined in terms of the number of carbon atoms present may possess 25 any number of carbon atoms within the specified range. Nevertheless, within this range certain species will be preferred due to factors such as availability and cost of precursors and ease of synthesis, as well as efficacy. In particular, such moieties containing 4 to 24 carbon atoms, 30 preferably 6 to 12 carbon atoms, more preferably 8 to 10 carbon atoms and most preferably 8 carbon atoms are preferred for reasons of cost and availability of precursors, ease of synthesis and efficacy.

In a particularly preferred embodiment of the 35 present invention, A is oxygen and p is zero, and one of R<sub>1</sub> or R<sub>2</sub> is C<sub>1-30</sub> alkyl and the other is hydrogen or C<sub>1-30</sub> alkyl or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> together with nitrogen atom from which they depend form a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic ring

- 14 -

containing said nitrogen atom as the single heteroatom.

More preferably, one of  $R_1$  or  $R_2$  is  $C_{4-24}$ , preferably  $C_{6-12}$ , alkyl and other is hydrogen or  $C_{4-24}$ , preferably,  $C_{6-12}$ , alkyl. Advantageously, both  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are  $C_{4-30}$  alkyl, preferably  $C_{4-24}$ , more preferably  $C_{6-12}$  alkyl. The alkyl groups are the same or different but most conveniently the same.

$X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  may be any combination of substituents, but it is preferred that at least two of these moieties be other than hydrogen or a group linked to the ring through a carbon-carbon bond. Preferably, at least two of  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are moieties linked to the ring through a carbon-oxygen bond, for example, in the case of  $X_1$ ,  $OR_1$ ,  $OSO_2R_2$  and  $OPO_2R_3R'_3$ .

Preferably  $X_1$  is  $OR_1$ . Advantageously  $R_1$  is hydrogen or acyl, preferably  $C_{1-30}$  acyl.

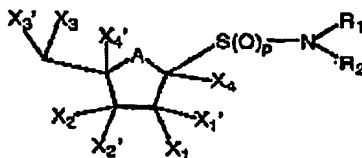
Preferably  $X_2$  is  $OR_2$ . Advantageously  $R_2$  is hydrogen or acyl, preferably  $C_{1-30}$  acyl.

Preferably  $X_3$  is  $OR_3$ . Advantageously  $R_3$  is hydrogen or acyl, preferably  $C_{1-30}$  acyl.

Preferably  $X_4$  is  $OR_4$ . Advantageously  $R_4$  is hydrogen or acyl preferably  $C_{1-30}$  acyl.

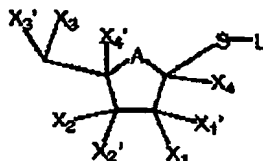
Advantageously the sulfenamide of general formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of *N,N*-dioctyl-*S*-(2,3,5-tri-*O*-acetyl-1-thio- $\beta$ -D-arabinofuranosyl)sulfenamide and *N,N*-dioctyl-*S*-(1-thio- $\beta$ -D-arabinofuranosyl)sulfenamide.

According to a second aspect of the present invention there is provided a method of preparation of a compound of general formula (II):



comprising reacting a compound of general formula (IV):

- 15 -



wherein L is an acyl group, preferably acetyl and  
 5  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , and  $X_3$  are as defined above with the proviso that  
 none of  $R_3$ ,  $R'_3$ ,  $R''_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R'_4$ ,  $R''_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R'_5$ , and  $R''_5$  is  
 hydrogen but, instead, is a protecting group;  
 with a compound of general formula (V):



10

wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are as defined above;  
 in the presence of a bis-activated alkyl halide;  
 and, optionally  
 15 reacting the product with an oxidising agent;  
 and, optionally  
 removing the protecting groups.  
 Typically the bis-activated alkyl halide is  
 diethyl bromomalonate, trimethyl bromophosphonoacetate or  
 20 N-bromosuccinimide. In general terms the reaction is  
 performed in the presence of an excess of the secondary  
 amine of general formula (V) in an inert solvent such as  
 DMF or THF, or mixtures of such solvents, at a temperature  
 from 20°C to 60°C, preferably 25°C to 40°C, under an  
 25 atmosphere of nitrogen or argon. The reaction mixture may  
 be left to stir typically for 2 to 160 hours, preferably  
 greater than 24 hours, prior to isolation and  
 purification, or deprotection. Suitable protecting groups  
 are well known to the person skilled in the art and in  
 30 this case the benzoyl group is preferred. Benzoyl  
 protecting groups are typically removed through hydrolysis  
 with sodium methoxide in methanol. The compounds of the  
 present invention may also be synthesised through the  
 condensation of sulphenyl halides with a secondary amine of



- 16 -

general formula (V), the reaction of the relevant thiols and amines in the presence of oxidising reagents or via the reaction of disulfides and amines in the presence of silver or mercuric salts. A number of methods have been developed to oxidise sulfenamides as disclosed, for example, in Craine and Raban, 1989; Glass & Swedo, 1977; Haake, Gebbing, & Benack, 1979; the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. Typically the oxidising agent is 3-chloroperbenzoic acid. An extensive array of methodologies has been developed to manipulate different positions on carbohydrate templates as disclosed, for example, Ernst, Hart & Sinay, 2000; Chapleur, 1998; Stick, 2001; the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

According to a third aspect of the present invention there is provided a method for the treatment of a disease, particularly a microbial infection, comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of general formula (I).

According to a fourth aspect of the present invention there is provided the use of a compound of general formula (I) in the manufacture of a medicament, particularly, for use in the treatment of a microbial infection.

As used herein, the term "therapeutically effective amount" means an amount of a compound of the present invention effective to yield a desired therapeutic response, for example to prevent or treat a disease which by administration of a pharmaceutically-active agent.

The specific "therapeutically effective amount" will, obviously, vary with such factors as the particular condition being treated, the physical condition and clinical history of the subject, the type of animal being treated, the duration of the treatment, the nature of concurrent therapy (if any), and the specific formulations employed and the structure of the compound or its derivatives.

- 17 -

As used herein, a "pharmaceutical carrier" is a pharmaceutically acceptable solvent, suspending agent, excipient or vehicle for delivering the compound of general formula (I) to the subject. The carrier may be  
5 liquid or solid, and is selected with the planned manner of administration in mind.

The compound of general formula (I) may be administered orally, topically, or parenterally in dosage unit formulations containing conventional non-toxic  
10 pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, adjuvants, and vehicles. The term parenteral as used herein includes subcutaneous, intravenous, intramuscular, intrathecal, intracranial, injection or infusion techniques.

The invention also provides suitable topical,  
15 oral, aerosol, and parenteral pharmaceutical formulations for use in the novel methods of treatment of the present invention. The compounds of the invention may be administered orally as tablets, aqueous or oily suspensions, lozenges, troches, powders, granules,  
20 emulsions, capsules, syrups or elixirs. The composition for oral use may contain one or more agents selected from the group of sweetening agents, flavouring agents, colouring agents and preserving agents in order to produce pharmaceutically elegant and palatable preparations. The  
25 tablets contain the active ingredient in admixture with non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable excipients which are suitable for the manufacture of tablets.

These excipients may be, for example, inert diluents, such as calcium carbonate, lactose, calcium  
30 phosphate or sodium phosphate; granulating and disintegrating agents, such as corn starch or alginic acid; binding agents, such as starch, gelatin or acacia; or lubricating agents, such as magnesium stearate, stearic acid or talc. The tablets may be uncoated, or may be  
35 coated by known techniques to delay disintegration and absorption in the gastrointestinal tract and thereby provide a sustained action over a longer period. For example, a time-delay material such as glyceryl

- 18 -

monostearate or glyceryl distearate may be employed. Coating may also be performed using techniques described in the U. S. Pat. Nos. 4,256,108; 4,160,452; and 4,265,874 to form osmotic therapeutic tablets for control release.

5           The compound of general formula (I) of the invention can be administered, for in vivo application, parenterally by injection or by gradual perfusion over time independently or together. Administration may be intravenously, intra-arterial, intraperitoneally,  
10 intramuscularly, subcutaneously, intracavity, or transdermally. For in vitro studies the agents may be added or dissolved in an appropriate biologically acceptable buffer and added to a cell or tissue.

          Preparations for parenteral administration  
15 include sterile aqueous or non-aqueous solutions, suspensions, and emulsions. Examples of non-aqueous solvents are propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, vegetable oils such as olive oil, and injectable organic esters such as ethyl oleate. Aqueous carriers include  
20 water, alcoholic/aqueous solutions, emulsions or suspensions, including saline and buffered media. Parenteral vehicles include sodium chloride solution, Ringer's dextrose, dextrose and sodium chloride, lactated Ringer's intravenous vehicles include fluid and nutrient  
25 replenishers, electrolyte replenishers such as those based on Ringer's dextrose, and the like. Preservatives and other additives may also be present such as, for example, anti-microbials, anti-oxidants, chelating agents, growth factors and inert gases and the like.

30           The compounds of general formula (I) are antimicrobial agents which are active, in particular but not limited to, against *Mycobacterium* including *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *M. avium intracellulare*, *M. fortuitum*, *M. abscessus* and rapid growing atypical  
35 *Mycobacterial* strains, *Nocardia*, particularly *Nocardia asteroides* and *N. nova*, *Staphylococcus* including *Staphylococcus aureus* and *S. aureus* (Coagulase-negative) and *Enterococci* species. The compounds of general formula

- 19 -

(I) are particularly useful in treating infections involving these organisms.

Generally, the terms "treating", "treatment" and the like are used herein to mean affecting a subject, tissue or cell to obtain a desired pharmacological and/or physiological effect. The effect may be prophylactic in terms of completely or partially preventing infection, and/or may be therapeutic in terms of a partial or complete cure of an infection. "Treating" as used herein covers any treatment of, or prevention of infection in a vertebrate, a mammal, particularly a human, and includes: preventing the infection from occurring in a subject that may have been exposed to the infectious agent, but has not yet been diagnosed as affected; inhibiting the infection, ie., arresting its development; or relieving or ameliorating the effects of the infection, ie., cause regression of the effects of the infection.

According to a fifth aspect of the present invention there is provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of general formula (I) and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The pharmaceutical compositions according to one embodiment of the invention are prepared by bringing a compound of general formula (I) into a form suitable for administration to a subject using carriers, excipients and additives or auxiliaries.

Frequently used carriers or auxiliaries include magnesium carbonate, titanium dioxide, lactose, mannitol and other sugars, talc, milk protein, gelatin, starch, vitamins, cellulose and its derivatives, animal and vegetable oils, polyethylene glycols and solvents, such as sterile water, alcohols, glycerol and polyhydric alcohols. Intravenous vehicles include fluid and nutrient replenishers. Preservatives include antimicrobial, anti-oxidants, chelating agents and inert gases. Other pharmaceutically acceptable carriers include aqueous solutions, non-toxic excipients, including salts, preservatives, buffers and the like, as described, for

- 20 -

instance, in Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, 15th ed. Easton: Mack Publishing Co., 1405-1412, 1461-1487 (1975) and The National Formulary XIV., 14th ed. Washington: American Pharmaceutical Association (1975), the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference. The pH and exact concentration of the various components of the pharmaceutical composition are adjusted according to routine skills in the art. See Goodman and Gilman's The Pharmacological Basis for Therapeutics (7th ed.).

The pharmaceutical compositions are preferably prepared and administered in dosage units. Solid dosage units include tablets, capsules and suppositories. For treatment of a subject, depending on activity of the compound, manner of administration, nature and severity of the disorder, age and body weight of the subject, different daily doses can be used. Under certain circumstances, however, higher or lower daily doses may be appropriate. The administration of the daily dose can be carried out both by single administration in the form of an individual dose unit or else several smaller dose units and also by multiple administration of subdivided doses at specific intervals.

The pharmaceutical compositions according to the invention may be administered locally or systemically in a therapeutically effective dose. Amounts effective for this use will, of course, depend on the severity of the microbial infection and the weight and general state of the subject. Typically, dosages used *in vitro* may provide useful guidance in the amounts useful for *in situ* administration of the pharmaceutical composition, and animal models may be used to determine effective dosages for treatment of the cytotoxic side effects. Various considerations are described, eg., in Langer, Science, 249: 1527, (1990). Formulations for oral use may be in the form of hard gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with an inert solid diluent, for example, calcium carbonate, calcium phosphate or kaolin. They may also be in the form of soft gelatin capsules

- 21 -

wherein the active ingredient is mixed with water or an oil medium, such as peanut oil, liquid paraffin or olive oil.

5 Aqueous suspensions normally contain the active materials in admixture with excipients suitable for the manufacture of aqueous suspension. Such excipients may be suspending agents such as sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, sodium alginate, polyvinylpyrrolidone, gum tragacanth and gum  
10 acacia; dispersing or wetting agents, which may be (a) naturally occurring phosphatide such as lecithin; (b) a condensation product of an alkylene oxide with a fatty acid, for example, polyoxyethylene stearate; (c) a condensation product of ethylene oxide with a long chain aliphatic alcohol, for example,  
15 heptadecaethylenoxycetanol; (d) a condensation product of ethylene oxide with a partial ester derived from a fatty acid and hexitol such as polyoxyethylene sorbitol monoleate, or (e) a condensation product of ethylene  
20 oxide with a partial ester derived from fatty acids and hexitol anhydrides, for example polyoxyethylene sorbitan monoleate.

The pharmaceutical compositions may be in the form of a sterile injectable aqueous or oleaginous  
25 suspension. This suspension may be formulated according to known methods using suitable dispersing or wetting agents and suspending agents such as those mentioned above. The sterile injectable preparation may also be a sterile injectable solution or suspension in a non-toxic  
30 parenterally-acceptable diluent or solvent, for example, as a solution in 1,3-butanediol. Among the acceptable vehicles and solvents which may be employed are water, Ringer's solution, and isotonic sodium chloride solution. In addition, sterile, fixed oils are conventionally  
35 employed as a solvent or suspending medium. For this purpose, any bland fixed oil may be employed, including synthetic mono- or diglycerides. In addition, fatty acids

- 22 -

such as oleic acid find use in the preparation of injectables.

5       Compounds of general formula (I) may also be administered in the form of liposome delivery systems, such as small unilamellar vesicles, large unilamellar vesicles, and multilamellar vesicles. Liposomes can be formed from a variety of phospholipids, such as cholesterol, stearylamine, or phosphatidylcholines.

10       Dosage levels of the compound of general formula (I) of the present invention will usually be of the order of about 0.05mg to about 20mg per kilogram body weight, with a preferred dosage range between about 0.05mg to about 10mg per kilogram body weight per day (from about 0.1g to about 3g per patient per day). The amount of  
15       active ingredient which may be combined with the carrier materials to produce a single dosage will vary, depending upon the host to be treated and the particular mode of administration. For example, a formulation intended for oral administration to humans may contain about 1mg to 1g  
20       of an active compound with an appropriate and convenient amount of carrier material, which may vary from about 5 to 95 percent of the total composition. Dosage unit forms will generally contain between from about 5mg to 500mg of active ingredient.

25       It will be understood, however, that the specific dose level for any particular patient will depend upon a variety of factors including the activity of the specific compound employed, the age, body weight, general health, sex, diet, time of administration, route of  
30       administration, rate of excretion, drug combination and the severity of the particular disease undergoing therapy.

      In addition, some of the compounds of the invention may form solvates with water or common organic solvents. Such solvates are encompassed within the scope  
35       of the invention.

      The compounds of the invention may additionally be combined with other compounds to provide an operative combination. It is intended to include any chemically

- 23 -

compatible combination of pharmaceutically-active agents, as long as the combination does not eliminate the activity of the compound of general formula (I) of this invention.

According to a sixth aspect of the present invention there is provided a method of killing a microorganism, comprising exposing said microorganism to a compound of general formula (I) as defined above.

Advantageously, although not limited to, the microorganism is selected from the group consisting of *Mycobacterium* including *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *M. avium intracellulare*, *M. fortuitum*, *M. abscessus* and rapid growing atypical *Mycobacterial* strains, *Nocardia*, particularly *Nocardia asteroides* and *N. nova*, *Staphylococcus* including *Staphylococcus aureus* and *S. aureus* (Coagulase-negative) and *Enterococci* species.

Throughout this specification and the claims, the words "comprise", "comprises" and "comprising" are used in a non-exclusive sense, except where the context requires otherwise.

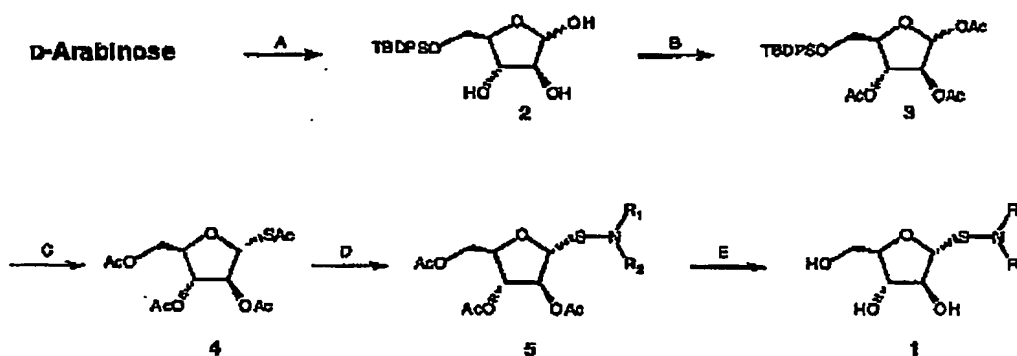
It will be clearly understood that, although a number of prior art publications are referred to herein, this reference does not constitute an admission that any of these documents forms part of the common general knowledge in the art, in Australia or in any other country.

#### Modes for Performing the Invention

The synthetic scheme employed to prepare compounds in accordance with preferred embodiments of the invention is now described in more detail. For the preparation of Examples 1, 2, 3 and 4, 5-O silylated D-arabinofuranose (compound 2) was prepared according to known literature methods (Ikeda & Bando, 1995) and is shown in Scheme 1 without modification. The synthesis of protected (compound 5; Example 3) and deprotected (compound 1; Example 4) arabinofuranosyl *N,N*-dialkylsulfenamides is described in Scheme 1.



- 24 -



Scheme 1

Reagents and Conditions: A) According to Ikeda & Bando, 1995;  
 5 B)  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ , pyr, 2 h, rt.; C)  $\text{SnCl}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{HSac}$ , rt, 1 h,  $\text{N}_2$ ; D)  
 $\text{BrCH}(\text{COOEt})_2$ , THF,  $\text{HNR}_1\text{R}_2$ , rt, 60 h,  $\text{N}_2$ ; E)  $\text{NaOH}$ ,  $\text{MeOH}$ , rt, 2 h,  
 $\text{N}_2$ .

Example 1

10

1,2,3-Tri-O-acetyl-5-O-(tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)- $\alpha/\beta$ -D-arabinofuranose 3.

Previously prepared 5-O-(tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)-D-arabinose 2 (2.10 g, 5.40 mmol) was dissolved in dry  
 15 pyridine (20 mL) and stirred with acetic anhydride (20 mL, excess) at 0 °C for 1 h under  $\text{N}_2$ . After this time the ice bath was removed and the reaction allowed to stir at rt for 18 h under  $\text{N}_2$ . After this time the solvent removed  
 20 under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed (Hex-EtOAc 4:1, TLC;  $R_f$  0.45) to furnish 1,2,3-tri-O-acetyl-5-O-(tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)- $\alpha/\beta$ -D-arabinofuranose as a clear syrup (2.67 g, 96%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.33-7.22 (m, 10 H,  $\text{SiPh}_2$ ), 6.37 (d, 1 H,  $J_{1,2}$  4.7 Hz, H-1 $\beta$ ),  
 25 6.19 (bs, 1 H, H-1 $\alpha$ ), 5.63 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,4}$  6.1,  $J_{3,2}$  7.2 Hz, H-3 $\beta$ ), 5.38 (m, 1 H, H-3 $\alpha$ ), 5.33 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{2,1}$  4.8,  $J_{2,3}$  7.2 Hz, H-2 $\beta$ ), 5.21 (app d, 1 H,  $J$  1.6 Hz, H-2 $\alpha$ ), 4.24 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  4.0,  $J$  8.8 Hz, H-4 $\alpha$ ), 4.12 (m, 1 H, H-4 $\beta$ ), 3.87 (m, 2 H, H-5 $\alpha$  and H-5' $\alpha$ ), 3.81 (m, 2 H, H-5 $\beta$  and H-5' $\beta$ ), 2.02-

- 25 -

2.13 (6 x s, 18 H, 6 x OAc  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ), 1.07 (bs, 18 H, tert-butyl  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ).

### Example 2

5

1-*S*-Acetyl-2,3,5-tri-*O*-acetyl-1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranose 4.

To a stirred solution of 1,2,3-tri-*O*-acetyl-5-*O*-(tert-butyl-diphenylsilyl)- $\alpha/\beta$ -D-arabinofuranose 3 (1.17 g, 2.27 mmol) in dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (20 mL) at 0 °C, under  $\text{N}_2$  was added tin tetrachloride (540  $\mu\text{L}$ , 4.55 mmol). After 10 minutes thiolacetic acid (490  $\mu\text{L}$ , 6.81 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C under  $\text{N}_2$ . After this time the reaction was diluted with sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (150 mL) and EtOAc (150 mL). The layers were separated and the organic layer was washed once with sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (150 mL) and once with aq.  $\text{NaCl}$  (150 mL). The organic phase was then dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed (hexane-EtOAc 2:1, TLC;  $R_f$  0.40) to furnish 1-*S*-acetyl-2,3,5-tri-*O*-acetyl-1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranose as a clear syrup (420 mg, 55%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.03 (bs, 1 H, H-1), 5.26 (app t, 1 H,  $J$  1.1 Hz, H-2), 5.05 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{3,4}$  2.9,  $J_{3,2}$  0.9 Hz, H-3), 4.37 (dd,  $J$  2.9,  $J$  10.0 Hz, H-5), 4.19-4.29 (m, 2 H, H-4 and H-5'), 2.40 (s, 3 H, SAc), 2.14 (s, 6 H, 2 x OAc), 2.10 (s, 3 H, OAc);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  86.2 (C-1), 82.1 (C-4), 81.1 (C-2), 77.1 (C-3), 62.9 (C-5), 31.1 ( $\text{SCOCH}_3$ ), 20.8, 20.7 (3 x  $\text{OCOCH}_3$ ). LRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ , 357 [ $(M + \text{Na})^+$  100%]

30

### Example 3

*N,N*-Dioctyl-*S*-(2,3,5-tri-*O*-acetyl-1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranosyl) sulfenamide 5 ( $R_1 = R_2 = \text{octyl}$ ).

35

1-*S*-Acetyl-2,3,5-tri-*O*-acetyl-1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranose 4 (120 mg, 0.36 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF (3 mL).

- 26 -

Diethylbromomalonate (123  $\mu$ L, 0.72 mmol) was then added, and the mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at rt under  $N_2$ . Diethylamine (217  $\mu$ L, 0.72 mmol) was then added and the reaction stirred for 60 h at rt under  $N_2$ . After this time  
5 the volatile compounds were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was then diluted in EtOAc (100 ml) and washed twice with sat. NaCl (2 x 100 ml), dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed (hexane-EtOAc  
10 16:1, then hexane-EtOAc 6:1. TLC;  $R_f$  0.52, hexane-EtOAc 4:1) to furnish *N,N*-dioctyl-*S*-(2,3,5-tri-*O*-acetyl-1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranosyl) sulfenamide as a pale orange syrup (30 mg, 16%).  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  Major component - 5.29 (dd, 1 H,  $J_{1,2}$  6.4,  $J_{2,3}$  4.8 Hz H-2), 5.08 (app t, 1  
15 H,  $J_{3,4}$  4.8 Hz, H-3), 4.83 (d, 1 H,  $J$  6.5 Hz, H-1), 4.18-4.22 (m, 2 H, H-5 and H-5'), 4.13 (dd, 1 H,  $J$  4.9,  $J$  4.2 Hz, H-4), 2.54-2.74 (m, 4 H,  $NCH_2$  and  $NCH_2'$ ), 2.09 (m, 9 H, 3 x OAc), 1.13-1.70 (m, 28 H, 14 x  $CH_2$  dioctyl chain), 0.87 (app t, 6 H,  $J$  6.5,  $J$  7.0 Hz, 2 x  $CH_3$ ).  
20 LRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  554 [(M + Na) $^+$  30%] 139 (100%), 440 (73%), 500 (73%).

#### Example 4

25 *N,N*-Dioctyl-*S*-(1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranosyl) sulfenamide 1 ( $R_1 = R_2 =$  octyl).

To a solution of *N,N*-dioctyl-*S*-(2,3,5-tri-*O*-acetyl-1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranosyl) sulfenamide 5 in dry MeOH is added  
30 one equivalent of NaOMe (1M solution in dry MeOH). The reaction is stirred at rt for 2 h under  $N_2$ . After this time the solution is neutralised with Amberlite IR 120 ( $H^+$ ) resin, filtered, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The residue is chromatographed (EtOAc) to yield  
35 *N,N*-dioctyl-*S*-(1-thio- $\alpha$ -D-arabinofuranosyl) sulfenamide.

- 27 -

**Industrial Applicability**

The compounds of general formula (I) are pharmaceutical agents, particularly anti-microbial agents.

- 28 -

References

The disclosure of the following documents is incorporated herein by reference:

- 5 von Itzstein, M.; Wu, W-Y.; Kok, G.B.; Pegg, M.S.; Dyason, J.C.; Jin, B.; Phan, T.V.; Smythe, M.L.; White, H.F.; Oliver, S.W.; Colman, P.M.; Varghese, J.N.; Ryan, D.M.; Woods, J.M.; Bethell, R.C.; Hotham, V.J.; Cameron, J.M.; Penn, C.R. *Nature* 1993, 363, 418-423.
- 10 Kok, G.B.; Campbell, M.; Mackey, B.; von Itzstein, M. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* 1996, 2811-2815.
- Fazli, A.; Bradley, S.J.; Kiefel, M.J.; Jolley, C.; Holmes, I.H.; von Itzstein, M. *J. Med. Chem.* 2001, 44, 3292-3301.
- 15 Owen, D. J.; von Itzstein, M. *Carbohydr. Res.* 2000, 328, 287-292.
- Marino, C.; Marino, K.; Milette, L. C.; Alves, M. J. M.; Colli, W.; de Lederkremer, R. M. *Glycobiology* 1998, 8, 901-904.
- 20 Milette, L. C.; Marino, C.; Marino, K.; de Lederkremer, R. M.; Colli, W.; Alves, M. J. M. *Carbohydr. Res.* 1999, 320, 176-182.
- Zhang, Q.; Liu, H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2001, 123, 6756-6766.
- 25 Brimacombe, J.; Gent, P.; Stacey, M. *J. Chem. Soc. Org.* 1968, 567-569.
- Brimacombe, J.; Da'aboul, I.; Tucker, L. J. *Chem. Soc. Org.* 1971, 3762.
- 30 Lemieux, R. U.; Stick, R. V. *Aust. J. Chem.* 1975, 28, 1799-1801.
- de Lederkremer R. M.; Cirelli, A.; Sznajdman, M. *L. Carbohydr. Res.* 1986, 146, 233-240.
- Shin, J.; Perlman, A. *Carbohydr. Res.* 1979, 76, 165-176.
- 35 de Lederkremer R. M.; Cicero, D.; Varela, O. *Tetrahedron* 1990, 46, 1131-1144.

- 29 -

- de Lederkremer, R. M.; Marino, K.; Marino, C.  
*Anal. Biochem.* 2002, 301, 325-328.
- Pathak, A. K.; Pathak, V.; Suling, W. J.;  
Gurcha, S. S.; Morehouse, C. B.; Besra, G. S.; Maddry, J.  
5 A.; Reynolds, R. C. *Bioorg. Med. Chem.* 2002, 10, 923-928.
- Ernst, B.; Hart, G. W.; Sinay, P. (Eds),  
*Carbohydrates in Chemistry and Biology*, Wiley-VCH,  
Weinheim, 2000, Vols 1 - 4.
- Chapleur, Y. *Carbohydrate Mimics*, Wiley-VCH,  
10 Weinheim, 1998.
- Lillelund, V.H.; Jensen, H.H.; Liang, X.; Bols,  
M. *Chem. Rev.* 2002, 102, 515-553.
- Craine, L.; Raban, M. *Chem.Rev.* 1989, 89, 589-  
712.
- 15 Glass, R.S.; Swedo, R.J. *Synthesis* 1977, 798-  
800.
- Haaka, M.; Gebbing, H.; Banack, H. *Synthesis*  
1979, 97.
- Stick, R.V. *Carbohydrates - The sweet molecules*  
20 *of life*, Academic Press, San Diego, 2001.
- Ikeda, M.; Bando, H. *Production of Synthetic*  
*Intermediate of Vitamin Derivative*. (Sumitomo  
Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.) JP7145093, 1995.
- 25 Dated this 21st day of August 2003  
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY  
By its Patent Attorneys  
GRIFFITH HACK  
Fellows Institute of Patent and  
30 Trade Mark Attorneys of Australia

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning  
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

**BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES**

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

☐ **BLACK BORDERS**

☐ **IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES**

☐ **FADED TEXT OR DRAWING**

☐ **BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING**

☐ **SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES**

☐ **COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS**

☐ **GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS**

☒ **LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT**

☐ **REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY**

☐ **OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.**

**As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.**